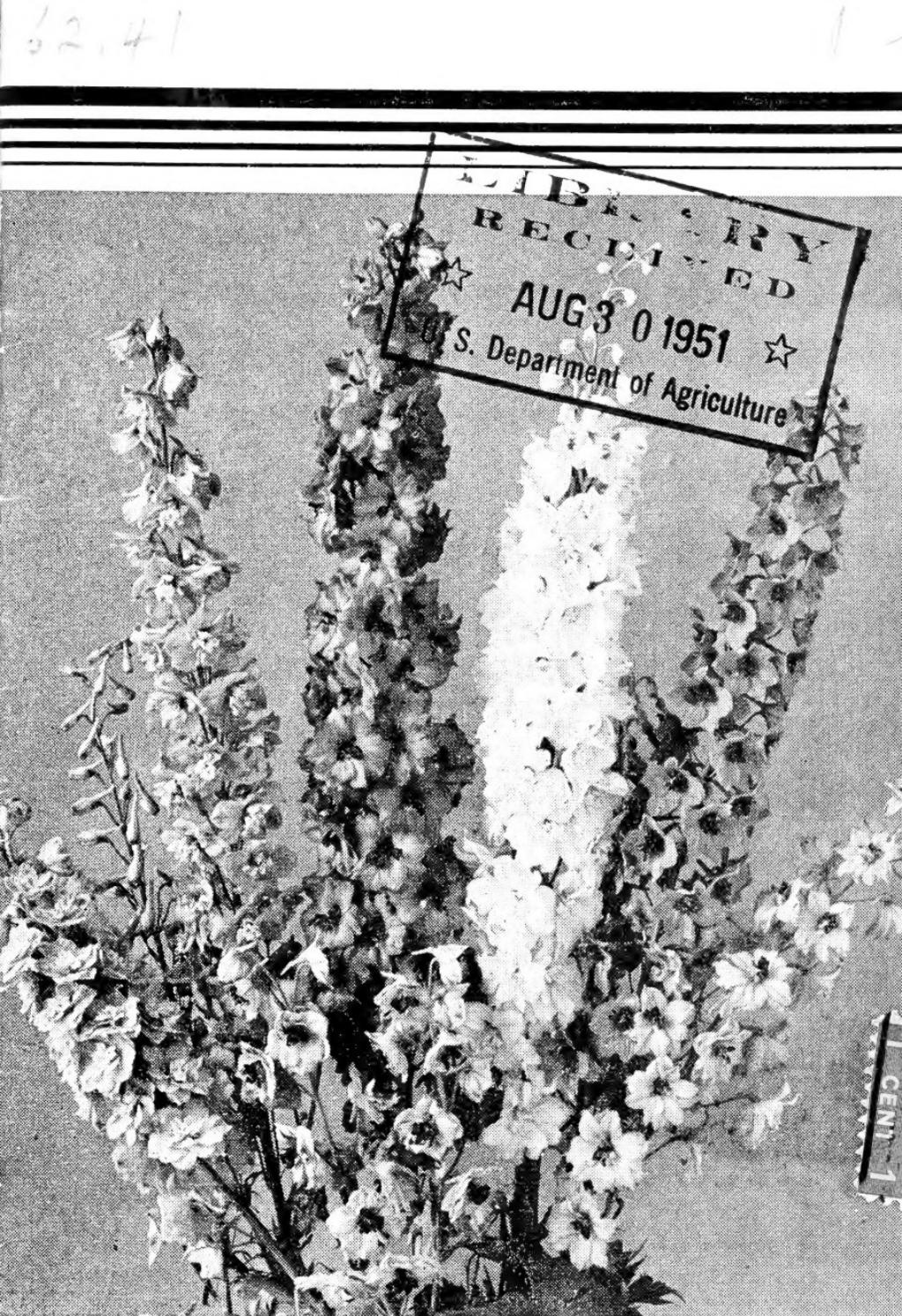


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**Wholesale Catalog
for FALL 1951**

Field Grown Perennials
Hardy Phlox • Delphiniums

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TERMS OF SALE

All prices in this catalog are F.O.B. Plainwell, Michigan. Prices quoted are for express shipments. If you desire parcel post shipments please add 10% to the amount of your order. Chrysanthemums and Peonies add 20%.

Prices quoted are per 100, 25 may be ordered at the 100 rate. Not less than 25 of any one variety may be ordered except where they are priced per each, etc.

HEAVY ROOTED, ONE-YEAR FIELD GROWN

Perennial Plants

(Blooming seasons, where given, are approximate and depend on climate, weather conditions, etc.)

ACHILLEA

PTARMICA, THE PEARL—One of the freest flowering perennials. Ideal for borders and cutting. Pure white double blossoms in large clustered heads. **100 for \$4.00**

FILIPENDULA PARKER'S VARIETY—Large heads of golden yellow flowers on long stems. Coming into flower in July, blooms continuously until frost. **100 for \$4.00**

ALYSSUM (Rock Madwort)

SAXATILE COMPACTUM (BASKET OF GOLD)—One of the showiest spring flowers with its large clustered blooms of bright yellow. Excellent for the rockery or borders. Grows 10 to 12 inches high. Very hardy. Blooms during April and May. **100 for \$4.00**

ANCHUSA (See Bugloss)

ITALICA DROPMORE (ALKANET)—A splendid background plant; grows 5 to 6 feet tall. Bears a profusion of true gentian flowers on sturdy stems. Blooms in June; plants are very hardy.

100 for \$6.50

ARABIS (White Rock Cress)

ALPINA—A splendid creeping plant which seldom grows over 12 inches high. Masses of white blossoms in early spring.

100 for \$4.00

ARTEMISIA (Southernwood)

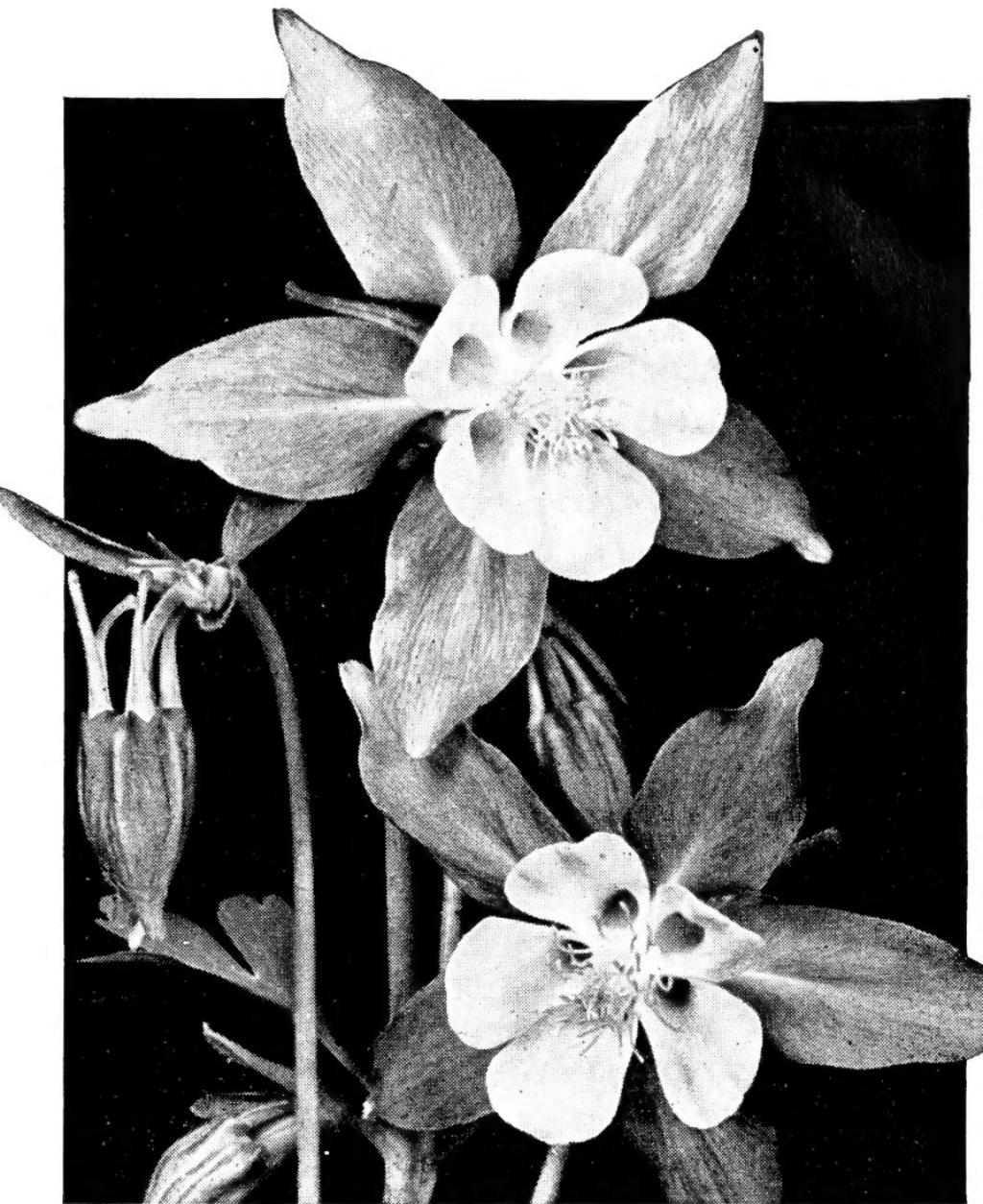
SILVER KING—A striking contrast plant with light silvery gray foliage. Very popular for mixed bouquets, and to cut and dry for winter use. **100 for \$4.00**

ASCLEPIAS (Orange Butterfly Weed)

TUBEROSA—Produces an abundance of brilliant orange flowers during July and August. Plants attain a height of 2 to 2½ feet; are extremely hardy and grow successfully in any soil.

100 for \$5.50

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AQUILEGIA (COLUMBINE)

AQUILEGIA (Columbine)

These are among the most beautiful of hardy plants, and the most important parts of the hardy perennial garden. Their presence will lighten up even the most formal planting and their colorful blooms are unexcelled for cutting. Blooms during May and June.

CLEMATIFLORA—Resembles a clematis. Blooms in June in a variety of pastel shades. Grows about 2 feet high. **100 for \$6.50**

CRIMSON STAR—Very striking. Blooms are bright crimson outside; waxy white inside. Excellent for cutting. **100 for \$5.00**

LONG SPURRED BLUE—Large flowers in all shades of blue. Extremely long spurs. A heavy blooming type; sturdy grower. **100 for \$4.00**

LONGISSIMA—Extra large flowers of clear yellow color. **100 for \$7.00**

MRS. SCOTT ELLIOTT HYBRIDS—Large, long spurred flowers in a wide range of colors, covering all shades of lavender, purple, red, white, yellow, blue and pink. **100 for \$4.00**

ROSE QUEEN—Richly colored deep rose blooms. Fine for cutting. **100 for \$4.00**

SILVER QUEEN—Finely formed florets of silvery white. **100 for \$4.00**

ASTER (Michaelmas Daisy)

Hardy Asters are considered by many to be the loveliest of autumn flowering perennials. Their wide range of colors and prolific blooming habit make them invaluable for borders and cut flowers. They thrive in any soil and withstand most weather conditions.

HARRINGTON'S PINK—Beautiful deep rose-pink blooms are produced in great abundance and make a truly striking picture in the perennial bed. Plants attain a height of 4 feet; excellent for cutting. Hardy, vigorous grower.

10 for \$2.25
100 for \$18.00

AUBRIETIA (Purple Rock Cress)

Very desirable for rock gardens or for edging or border work, their graceful, dwarf habit of growth, their delightful coloring and their evergreen foliage make them beloved by all gardeners. Start blooming in April and continue until July.

MONARCH MIXED (New English Strain)—Contains almost every conceivable shade of deep red, violet, rose, lavender, mauve, pink and purple.

100 for \$5.00

CALLIRHOE (Poppy Mallow)

INVOLUCRATA—This is an excellent plant for the rock garden or for wall planting, due to its trailing habit of growth. Fine lacy foliage and bears large, saucer-shaped blooms of bright crimson with white spots. Blooms through most of the summer and fall. Grows only 6 inches high.

100 for \$6.00

CAMPANULA (Bellflower)

CALYCANTHEMA (Cup and Saucer)—One of the most desirable cut flowers. Large cup and saucer-shaped flowers in a variety of colors, on long, strong stems, make a very showy display in garden and bouquets. Blooms during late May and June.

100 for \$4.00

MEDIUM, (Old Favorite "Canterbury Bells")—A favorite with all flower lovers. A thrilling sight in June and July when its many branches are loaded with deep bells, the edges of which are softly rolled and fluted. Grows 2 to 3 feet high.

We offer three outstanding colors. Blue, White, Pink and Double and Single Prize Mixture.

100 for \$4.00

HARDY CARNATION (Carnation Grenadin)

These hardy outdoor carnations have unlimited uses and should have a place in every garden. For spots of bright color, for cutting and for fragrance they are unexcelled. Bloom almost throughout the summer. Plants grow 18 inches high.

"KING OF THE BLACKS"—Large, fragrant flowers of deepest maroon color and satiny black sheen. An outstanding carnation.

100 for \$4.00

GOLDEN SUN—Sweet scented, golden yellow color.

100 for \$4.00

PINK — We highly recommend this for its clear pink color.

100 for \$4.00

RED—Striking brilliant red color and very profuse habit of bloom makes this a much desired variety.

100 for \$4.00

WHITE—Should be included in all carnation plantings to complete the color range.

100 for \$4.00

MIXED VARIETIES

100 for \$4.00

If interested in 2 year plants we have a large quantity of a number of varieties. Please send for a special list of 2 year plants that will be available this fall.

CENTAUREA (Hardheads, Knapweed)

MONTANA BLUE—2 feet June-Sept. Numerous large deep blue flowers somewhat resembling the annual Cornflower.

100 for \$5.00

CHEIRANTHUS (Siberian Wallflower)

ALLIONII, GOLDEN BEDDER—Bright golden yellow blooms make a rich color display in the rockery or border during May and June. Plants reach a height of 12 inches.

100 for \$5.00

COREOPSIS (Tickseed)

DOUBLE SUNBURST (NEW GOLD)—A new variety which bears double flowers of good color. Coreopsis is one of the most useful perennials for borders and cutting. Easy to grow; blooms profusely from June until frost. Grows 3 feet tall.

100 for \$3.50

Cushion Chrysanthemums

Dwarf in height, hardy, colorful and the most prolific bloomers we know of among plants. Begin blooming in July and each plant produces actually hundreds of buds and flowers from then on until the last fall freezes. Unexcelled for borders or for planting in front of shrubs or evergreens. Showy and beautiful in mass plantings. One plant alone is a small flower garden in itself!

MAHOGANY CUSHION	5 for \$1.75	10 for \$3.00
PINK CUSHION	5 for 1.25	10 for \$2.25
RED CUSHION	5 for 1.25	10 for \$2.25

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1 year untransplanted plants.

HARDY FALL FLOWERING CHRYSANTHEMUMS

We advise ordering early to avoid disappointment as our Mum supply is very limited this fall. As always, we will ship clumps with all the runners attached. If shipment of Mums is desired by parcel post, please add 20% to the amount of your order. Come and visit us when our Mums are in bloom, we grow over 200 of the finest varieties.

To those customers who visit us in the fall when our Mums are in bloom and purchase them from the field, the same price as by mail will prevail if they are dug row run, however, if personal selection is made as to any particular plant, then we will have to request a 25% increase over the catalog price.

ALERT—Large, fully double, 3-inch dark purple flowers that do not fade.

ADAGIO—Brilliant raspberry-coppery rose pompon.

BAMBOO—A distinct summer flowering Daisy-type Mum of buff-bronze. Profuse bloomer from mid-July until October. Hardy.

GLADWIN—A pink resembling the English mum Leda. Has strong, sturdy stems, which branch near the ground, making very large sprays.

GOLDEN CARPET—Imagine a rug made of glowing golden pompons! A creeping mound, 2" or more across, glittering in the fall sun — only 1" high.

HUNTSMAN—Rugged and vivid, an outstanding favorite. Bright scarlet orange overlaid with bronze tints. Very hardy.

LAVENDER MOUND—A real bright lavender. Profuse in flowering.

PATRICIA LEHMAN—Sparkling geranium-pink with peach center. Recurved and twisted petals give fluffy, feathery effect.

WHITE TOWER—A sturdy perfect pompon with broad petals, first creamy white, then opening pure white. A good cutting variety.

YELLOW ALABASTER—New, early Mum. Soft yellow in color. Blooms will grow 5" across if disbudded.

Prices On Above 10 Varieties: 5 for \$2.50; 10 for \$4.50

BRONZE EARLY BUTTERCUP—Rich deep bronze with golden buff reverse. One of the very finest bronze English 'mums.

JACKIE—A rich wine-red. Blooms late, but will always come into bloom after it has been severely frosted.

JEWELRY—A lovely deep pink pompon. The flowers are well formed and hold their color after several frosts. Very hardy.

JOAN HELEN—Sparkling garnet-red shading to purple; bright yellow center. Masses of beautiful blooms almost completely hide the foliage.

MRS. DUPONT—Large, double blooms of peach-pink tinted rosy-salmon bronze. Late blooming. Long, strong stems are ideal for cutting.

MRS. T. GUTHRIE—A very large, chestnut-red with bronze reverse, broad reflexing petals.

MAJORIE BYAM—A choice Canadian introduction. Large flowers of orange-vermillion to salmon-bronze.

PINK RADIANCE—Masses of luminous, soft-pink blooms from late September on. Their exquisite coloring make lovely bouquets.

RED VELVET—Finest of all crimson garden mums. Shapely, long lasting blooms. Lustrous, healthy foliage.

SEPTEMBER BRONZE—Most colorful of the early 'mums; loads of lovely little pompon shaped flowers from mid-September to frost.

SEPTEMBER DAWN—Lovely, large flowers of a bright rose-pink color. Considered one of the best pink 'mums. Plants are vigorous and very hardy. Flower freely over a long period.

SEPT. SUNSHINE—Brilliant yellow blooms completely cover compact, well rounded plants from mid-September until frost. Very free-flowering. Fine for low border and cutting.

SALUTE—A perfect deep purple, the memorial tribute shade.

SILVER TIP—Bright carmine with the tip of each petal silvery white. These large, fully double blooms present a charming color combination.

Prices on Above 14 Varieties: 5 for \$1.25; 10 for \$2.25

MUMS (Continued)

- AVALANCHE**—Big, fluffy, white flowers, measuring 5" across. Truly Queen of the Whites. Profuse blooms from Sept. on.
- BEACON**—Double blooms of coral-apricot shading to flaming nasturtium-orange at center. 4" flowers, ideal for cutting.
- CARNIVAL**—New 1948! A large, gleaming burnt-orange flower on an excellent plant with lusty green foliage.
- CHARLES NYE**—One of the best yellows to date. Large, fully double flowers of rich buttercup yellow.
- CHRIS COLUMBUS**—New, outstanding ivory-white. Large, double blooms from late September on.
- CANDY**—A prominent full pink with a sugar sheen, the blend has just enough gold and salmon in the center to spotlight each blossom.
- CAMILLA**—A new, rich, cherry red. One of our introductions.
- DWARF JEWEL**—At last, a jewel type flower on a compact cushion-shaped plant. Color is a very pleasing soft lavender.
- ELIZABETH BYAM**—Lovely variety of choice blending of gold, pink and bronze.
- EARLY GOLD**—Very early! Bright golden yellow pompon with contrasting dark green foliage. Excellent for borders.
- EARLY WORM**—Ohio Hybrid, bright golden yellow flowers 2" across.
- GOLDEN ISLE**—Giant flowers with color varying from reddish-orange to bronze-tan and golden yellow according to season.
- GOLDEN MOUND**—Excellent golden yellow cushion. Many 2" flowers on short, dark green branches. Very early.
- GLACIER**—Dwarf, very early, absolutely pure white. Fine for bordering.
- KATHLEEN LEHMAN**—Brightest orange-gold, deepening to red-gold at center. One of the outstanding of the newer Mums.
- LEDA**—Gorgeous rolled petals of heliotrope-pink.
- LAVENDER PRINCESS**—Brand new. The finest cutting variety in the color classification. A pastel shade, thoroughly pleasing.
- MAGNIFICENT**—Glorious 4" flowers of plum-red or rosy cardinal with coppery cast. Strong branches, good for cutting.
- MAGENTA SPOON**—Magenta-rose, spoon-type flowers in profusion. The peak of perfection in spoon Mums.
- MARTIN'S WHITE**—Immense, pure white flowers 4 inches across. Compact, bushy growth.
- MEDITATION**—Large, double flowers of soft light jasper-red and maize-yellow with orange reverse. Matures to reddish-peach.
- MAID MARIAN**—Large, attractive flowers of a lovely light pink on stocky, well formed plants.
- MISS LACE**—True light pink. Three-inch blooms on strong upright stems. Blooms in September.
- MURMURS**—Opens amaranth-pink, fading slowly to clear mallow-purple. Petals broad and incurved. Very early.
- ORCHID HELEN**—A sturdy 18-inch bush, completely covered with 3-inch double pink-orchid flowers. The petals are unusually stiff, adding to its beauty.
- PAPER WHITE**—Pure white flowers on dwarf plants. Wide, flat petals. Very early and exceptionally fine in the North.
- PINK PEARLS**—Ohio Hybrid. Vigorous plant. Large soft pink flowers.
- SINCERITY**—Lovely pearly-white sport of Lavender Lady. Opens with a slight lavender-pink cast.
- TANGERINE**—Flaring Spanish-orange to grenadine-red. Distinctly different.
- VIOLET**—One of the newest purples. Dahlia-like blooms, fully double, of good color and substance. Blooms late August.

Prices on Above 30 Varieties: 5 for \$1.75; 10 for \$3.00

DELPHINIUM

(PERENNIAL LARKSPUR)

Here is one of the best loved and most popular of the world's perennials. New introductions have widened the colors available and have produced better growth and blooms. Our reputation has been founded on the high quality of the delphiniums we grow.

BELLADONNA, IMPROVED CLIVEDEN BEAUTY — Beautiful, soft light blue in color. A strong grower; blooms heavily during June; strong stems and fine color. Plants grow to 3 feet tall.

100 for \$4.00

BELLAMOSUM — Has rich deep blue color. Identical in habit of growth and characteristics with Belladonna described above.

100 for \$4.00

CHINESE — Graceful habit of growth and has finely cut foliage which makes it useful for garden and display. Flower spikes are loosely arranged and have a clear light blue color. Keeps well when cut; excellent for bouquets. Grows 2 feet tall. 100 for \$3.50

LAMARTINE — Well formed spikes of the deepest blue flowers, each with a distinct white eye. The real Gentian-blue color is rare in flowers; here is one of the finest cutting varieties. 100 for \$4.00

2 YEAR DELPHINIUM PLANTS

BELLADONNA	100 for \$5.00
BELLAMOSUM	100 for \$5.00
BLACKMORE & LANGDON HYBRIDS	100 for \$5.00
WREXHAM STRAIN	100 for \$6.00
CHINESE BLUE	100 for \$4.50

GORGEOUSLY COLORED HYBRID DELPHINIUM

Recent introductions in the field of Hybrids have added rare new colors and variations never thought possible in Delphiniums. Individual florets are now double and semi-double in addition to singles. Spikes are almost unbelievably large. No Delphinium planting is complete without some of these Hybrids for a gorgeous display next summer.

BLACKMORE AND LANGDON HYBRIDS — Superb color range which includes shadings from pale blue through delicate lavender and rose variations. Very strong grower with strong stems 4 to 5 feet tall. Flowers in June; florets run a large percent double.

100 for \$4.00

WREXHAM STRAIN, HOLLYHOCK FLOWERED — Extremely long, spire-like spikes thickly studded with individual florets of large size. Color variations include all shades from deepest blues and purples to the delicate pastels in rose, orchid and pale blue. A wonderful grower and producer with strong, 5-ft. tall stems. Blooms in June.

100 for \$4.50

We are the largest growers of Pacific Hybrid Delphinium in the World and annually we sow about thirty pounds of seed. Look at page 9 of this catalogue, see the extensive list that we have and make up an order of this wonderful strain while our stocks are complete.

Plants are normally shipped express. If parcel post is desired add 10% to the amount of the order.

Pacific Hybrid Famous Vetterle & Reinelt DELPHINIUM

This elegant strain of Delphinium is almost beyond description. Flower spikes 3 to 5 feet long, closely packed with individual flowers from 2 to 3 inches across; many are double, semi-double, some single. The plants are resistant to mildew and stems are wiry and strong enough to resist high winds. These are strong, well-rooted plants from seed sown last May. Will bloom in June and July.

VARIETIES

BLACK KNIGHT — Darkest royal violet.

BLUE BIRD — Clear medium blue with white bee.

BLUE JAY — Medium to dark blue with darker bee.

CAMELIARD — Clear soft lavender. White bee.

GALAHAD — Pure white with white bee.

GUINEVERE — Light pink, lavender with white bee.

KING ARTHUR — Rich, deep royal violet. White bee.

PERCIVAL — White with brown bee.

SUMMER SKIES — Clearest light blue. White bee.

ROUND TABLE — A superb mixture of the finest shades.

The Ten Varieties Listed Above — 100 for \$7.50

PACIFIC HYBRID DELPHINIUM BY COLOR

DARK BLUE — LIGHT BLUE — VIOLET — WHITE
LAVENDER PASTEL

Above varieties	100 for \$6.50
MIXED SHADES	100 for \$5.50

2 YEAR PACIFIC DELPHINIUM PLANTS

BLUE BIRD	GALAHAD	PERCIVAL
BLUE JAY	GUINEVERE	ROUND TABLE
CAMELIARD	KING ARTHUR	SUMMER SKIES

The Above Priced At 100 for \$10.00

MIXED 100 for \$7.00



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CHECK THESE FEATURES:

- The razor sharp, double edged blade can be used both frontwards and backwards.
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This HAND HOE is the result of several years experimentation in search of a tool which would do our work most efficiently. It fulfills our requirements so well that now we offer it to you. Don't delay, order yours today.

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DIANTHUS BARBATUS (Sweet William)

An old-fashioned favorite of which we never tire. Plants are very hardy, easy to grow, and produce masses of colorful blooms during June. Excellent for beds and for cutting; plants attain a height of 1½ to 2 feet.

MIDGET MIXED—Dwarf variety much used for borders. Mixed colors of wide range. Long blooming season. 100 for \$4.00

NEWPORT PINK—Beautiful salmon-pink color. A very effective single type; a vigorous grower. 100 for \$4.00

SCARLET BEAUTY—Brightest scarlet color for massed display. 100 for \$4.00

VAUGHAN'S SPECIAL MIXTURE—Lovely flowers in varied color range. 100 for \$4.00

DIANTHUS (Everblooming)

LATIFOLIUS ATROCOCCINEUS FLORA PLENA—A beautiful summer blooming variety. Bears brilliant fiery crimson flowers throughout the summer. Very hardy and a vigorous grower. 100 for \$4.00

DIANTHUS PLUMARIUS (Clove Pinks)

New strains of the old-fashioned Hardy Pinks have brought this grand flower back into favor. Noted for their exquisite fragrance and free blooming habit. Plants bloom during June and grow 15 to 18 inches tall.

DOUBLE MIXED—Old-fashioned hardy pinks in assorted mixed colors. Extremely hardy and will thrive almost anywhere. 100 for \$3.50

HIGHLAND QUEEN, ROSE HYBRIDS—One of the best perennial Dianthus offered today. Bright rose colored blooms with red center, are produced continually from May to November. Ideal for bedding, border or rockery. Delightfully fragrant. 100 for \$4.00

SPRING BEAUTY—Large size, double blooms; typically carnation in form and fragrance. Wide range of mixed colors. 100 for \$3.50

DIGITALIS (Foxglove)

GIANT SHIRLEY HYBRIDS—This elegant strain of an old-fashioned flower attains a height of 4 feet and is ideal for tall, colorful backgrounds. The color mixture is superb, ranging from white to pink to deepest rose. We highly recommend this variety. 100 for \$3.50

ECHINOPS

Very handsome thistle-like, old-world herb. Commonly called Globe Thistle. Very popular for border plantings. Produce beautiful blue flowers. Fine for bouquets.

RITRO — Globular heads of silvery blue flowers that bloom during July and August. **100 for \$8.00**

GAILLARDIA (Blanket Flower)

For general hardiness and profusion of colorful blooms, the Gaillardias are in a class by themselves. Plants require only the very simplest of care and will make a bright color display in the perennial border. Blooms keep extremely well after cutting, which makes them very desirable for bouquets.

BURGUNDY — Outstanding for its vigorous growth and long blooming period. Plants produce a profusion of warm, rich dark red blossoms with high-tufted centers. Very colorful and very desirable in the mixed border. **100 for \$4.00**

DAZZLER — One of the most brilliant of the Gaillardia family. Large flowering type with blooms of bright golden yellow centered with a disc of satiny maroon. Plants grow 2 feet tall. **100 for \$4.00**

GOBLIN, DWARF — A true dwarf Gaillardia which deserves a place in every garden. Plants grow 12 to 15 inches high in very compact shape. Foliage almost disappears under the mass of large, deep red and gold blooms. **100 for \$4.00**

PORTOLA HYBRIDS — Extremely large flowering strain and noted for the wide range of deep colors which vary from reddish brown to deep gold. The 2-ft. tall plants make colorful bouquets.

100 for \$4.00

GYPSOPHILA (Baby Breath)

One of the best known perennials and much loved for the delicacy of its blooms. For misty garden beauty and for use in mixed bouquets, it has no equal.

PACIFICA — Beautiful pearly-pink blooms in branching panicles; excellent for use in fall bouquets. Plants grow 18 inches tall and bloom during September and October. **100 for \$5.00**

PANICULATA — Dense, spreading, bushy type which reaches a height of 3 feet. Countless tiny white blossoms completely hide the plant during the long flowering season from July 'til frost. Foliage is fine in texture and ornamental in rockery or border; may be cut and dried for winter use.

Liners **100 for \$3.50**

Grafting size **100 for \$6.00**

SNOW WHITE, DOUBLE — Grows only about 3 feet high and produces a mass of small white flowers, mostly double. Much used at the ends of perennial borders for its misty, delicate atmosphere. Good for all types of bouquets. Blooms from July 'til frost.

100 for \$4.50



THE HOME OF ONE YEAR, FIELD GROWN PERENNIALS

A familiar landmark to travelers on U.S. 131 — the Red Brick Tavern — the old homestead, recommended by Duncan Hines — one of Michigan's most famous eating places — famous for its excellent chicken and steak dinners — just north of Plainwell. About halfway between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. Visitors are always welcome at any time. For lunch or dinner reservations phone Plainwell 3943.

HELIANTHEMUM (Hardy Sun Rose)

No plant is more beautiful or colorful for the rock garden, border or wherever a very low-growing plant is desired. Their multitude of brilliant colors and blooms attract attention and add charm wherever used. Glossy green foliage forms a beautiful background for the flowers.

MUTABILIS, MIXED — Beautiful hybrids of rose, white and yellow. Plants grow 6 to 10 inches high; bloom during May and June.

100 for \$3.50

HELIOPSIS (Hardy Zinnia)

Outstanding for their hardiness and fine color. Plants are of compact growing habit with strong, straight stems. Very free flowering; valuable for cutting.

LEMOINE'S GIANT — Large, double blooms of golden yellow color. Flower from July until frost; plants grow 2 to 3 feet tall.

100 for \$5.00

HIBISCUS (Giant Mallow)

Unequalled for tall background or for specimen plants. Their large-leaved, ornamental foliage is very desirable in the border. Tall erect canes bear large, bell-shaped flowers often measuring 7 or 8 inches across. Plants are easily grown and very hardy; attain a height of 4 feet. Bloom during August.

MALLOW MARVEL, PINK

MALLOW MARVEL, JUMBO RED

AVALON HYBRIDS — Large showy flowers ranging from blush thru all the lovely pinks to rose and vivid reds. Robust growing.

Above Hibiscus Varieties 100 for \$4.00

HOLLYHOCKS

No flower has more sentiment or is more closely associated with our early memories than the Hollyhock. Their colorful charm has a definite place in every garden; they are invaluable for screening purposes, and equally useful as a background in borders.

NEWPORT PINK — Rich, shimmering pink blooms on tall stems.

CHATER'S DOUBLE MIXED — Beautiful range of color in one of the best mixed strains.

DOUBLE SUPREME IMPERATOR — An erect perennial with long spikes bearing lovely, double blooms. Collar of frilled and fringed edges. Attain a height of 5 feet or more. Easy to grow.

DOUBLE COLORADO SUNSET — Color a glowing golden-orange; spring sown seeds have blossoms by mid-summer, which continue until late fall. Graceful flowers measure 3½ inches and larger.

DOUBLE YELLOW — Long graceful spikes bearing huge balls of pastel yellow blooms. Can be grown successfully in almost any soil. Excellent for screening unsightly views.

DOUBLE LILAC — Huge, double flowers in soft lavender shade. Tall, stately plants especially suitable for backgrounds in borders, for growing against walls or fences. Easy to grow.

DOUBLE ORANGE PRINCE — 6 feet. Well shaped background petals of clear yellow with rosette of blushing orange in the center. Extremely hardy perennial. Grows well in any soil.

SCARLET BEAUTY — A brilliant red blossom on tall, erect stems; immense loosely formed flowers with slightly ruffled petals. Anyone can grow them with ease in practically any soil.

Above Hollyhock Varieties 100 for \$4.00

DAYLILIES

(*Hemerocallis*)

One of the Easiest to grow of All Plants

Valuable for their large, showy flowers and variety of bright colors; for use in borders, shady areas and cut-flower garden. We have been propagating and increasing our stock of these splendid plants for several years and now have a sufficient stock to offer them to our customers. These are some of the best varieties offered by any grower and many of them are very new. The plants below are all 2-year field grown.

DAWN—Waxy lemon-yellow. Very choice. Blooms in July. Height 42 inches.

FULVA—Large, showy flowers in bright orange-yellow. Reaches the height of 40 inches. Blooms in July. Excellent for use in borders, shady areas and cutflower garden. Easy to grow. No garden is complete without them. A truly beautiful daylily.

GEORGE YELD—One of the very largest daylily to be offered. Combination of orange and brownish-rose in color; a heavy bloomer and a strong grower. Blooms in July. A most worthwhile daylily and a most reliable performer.

GLORIANA—A rich, golden yellow with unique fluted edging. An early variety that blooms from June on to July. Attains a height of 36 inches. Its vivid coloring and profuse blooming ability make it a "must" in every daylily collection.

IMPERATOR—Huge robust plant that produces immense open star-like flowers. Brilliant brick red with a prominent yellow throat makes this daylily particularly attractive. Blooms in mid-summer. Most desirable in every respect.

KWANZO FLORA PLENA—Large, double golden bronze blooms. A really unique variety. Height 36 inches. Blooms July and August.

MRS. W. H. WYMAN—Best described as pale glistening yellow. Height 40". Blooms in August.

MODESTY—Large flowering; pale yellow color. Blooms June and July. Height 30 inches.

SIR MICHAEL FOSTER—This unique free-flowering variety is of a golden bronze color. Vigorous in growth; perfectly hardy. Blooms through July and August. A tall, robust growing plant. A great favorite among daylily growers.

SOVEREIGN—Satiny orange-yellow; fragrant. Blooms May and June. Height 30 inches.

SUNBEAM—One of the most beautiful canary-yellow Daylilies for the garden in late spring. Blooms in May and June. Well suited to either border use or when planted as a low hedge close to the house. Completely hardy. Thrives in any soil.

WINSOME—Dainty flowers of pale creamy yellow. Height 34". Blooms in June.

Price of Daylily Varieties 100 for \$14.00

TERMS OF SALE

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IBERIS (Hardy Candytuft)

These delightful plants have a very distinct place in the rockery or wherever a dwarf plant with evergreen foliage is needed. Plants are very hardy and rarely exceed 18 inches in height; produce dense heads of blooms in early spring. May be used for dwarf flowering hedge.

GIBRALTARICA—Masses of lavender blossoms, with evergreen foliage, in early spring. Dwarf growth, splendid for edging.

100 for \$4.00

SEMPERVIRENS—Produces a profusion of white blooms in early spring. Same growth habits as Gibraltarica.

100 for \$5.50

IRIS DICHOTOMA (Vesper Iris)

Large, fragrant blooms come in tall branching sprays in late July and continue through August. Flowers open each evening and make a rich display of color when planted in groups. Plants produce a profusion of blooms and grow 3 feet high.

MIXED—Colors run from light cream through blues, purples and red shades. Excellent for mixed beds.

100 for \$5.00

LATHYRUS LATIFOLIUS

(Hardy Perennial Sweet Pea)

A climbing form of Sweet Pea which should be more generally planted in this country. Will quickly cover trellis, fence or arbor. Blooms continuously from spring until fall. Colorful sweet pea blossoms are fragrant and make dainty cut flowers.

MIXED COLORS **100 for \$5.50**

LAVENDULA (Lavender)

VERA (Munstead Strain) The real Sweet Lavender used and grown in our grandmother's day. A dwarf variety which grows in compact form, and bears exquisitely fragrant blue flowers. June-July. 18-inch.

100 for \$8.00

LILIUM TENUIFOLIUM (Coral Lily)

A charming, colorful, early flowering lily. Plants produce flowers in clusters of 9 to 12 blooms on strong stems about 1½ feet tall. Flowers are a deep scarlet color with strong recurved petals of waxy texture. Plants bloom during June and are ideal for rock gardens or borders.

100 for \$4.00

LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY (Convallaria)

One of the most familiar and most loved of all perennials. Will grow in shade or in spots where nothing else seems to grow. Exquisite, waxen white, bell-shaped blossoms hang from 8 to 10 inch stems. Foliage is ornamental all season. Blooms are dainty and delightfully fragrant.

100 for \$2.00

LINUM (Perennial Hardy Flax)

PERENNE—A valuable plant for perennial borders. Grows about 2½ feet high, with finely cut ornamental foliage. From May to August you have a fresh crop of beautiful, clear, light blue blooms each morning. Very desirable for mixed bouquets.

100 for \$3.50

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PEONIES

PEONIES ARE FOR FALL 1951 DELIVERY ONLY

This year we are again offering our list of choice Peonies. Varieties that we have selected as being outstanding in their various color classes. We do not try to grow every variety in existence but we do try to have the best ones. We want to say just a word about the quality. We send out, as always, nice clean three to five eye divisions, all from two and three year plants. You will find no clubby stock in our peonies.

ADOLphe ROUSSEAU — Double type; very large; early mid-season. Dark lustrous red, shaded maroon. Tall; stems very strong.
Each 50¢ 10 for \$4.50

ALBERT CROUSSE — Light rose-pink with a creamy undertone. Tall; a profuse bloomer; strong stems and good foliage.
Each 35¢ 10 for \$3.00

AUGUSTE DESSERT — Color an intense pink; petals edged with silver. Large, double blooms. Midseason. Good grower.
Each 45¢ 10 for \$4.00

BARONESS SCHROEDER — Large; double type; midseason. Flesh-white tinted creamy pink.
Each 45¢ 10 for \$4.00

CLAIRE DUBOIS — Large; double; late. Bright pink with enormous buds and flowers. Strong stems; good cut-flower.
Each 40¢ 10 for \$3.50

CORONATION — Double type; very large. Pale rose-pink flecked with crimson edges, center much darker. Delicate fragrance.
Each 35¢ 10 for \$3.00

EDITH FORREST — Double type; large; late midseason. A very good deep pink which flowers heavily and is especially effective in border plantings.
Each 40¢ 10 for \$3.50

EDULIS SUPERBA — Double type; medium size; very early. Bright old rose-pink. Tall; excellent foliage.
Each 35¢ 10 for \$3.00

(WRITE FOR SPECIAL QUOTATIONS ON LARGER QUANTITIES)

FESTIVA MAXIMA — Double type; very large; early. White with prominent crimson flecks on a few central petals; tall good foliage.	10 for \$3.00
FRANK E. GOOD — Double type; large. Cream-white with a suffusion of buff. Improved Solange.	10 for \$7.00
GEORGIANA SHAYLOR — Light rose-pink with odd crimson streaked petals around center. Very large, double. Free blooming.	10 for \$4.00
JAMES KELWAY — Double type; large; early midseason. Pale pink, becoming almost white with age but retaining a slight flush on outer petals and in center. Tall.	10 for \$3.50
LA PERLE — One of the really good lilac-white varieties. Center is slightly darker, flaked with red. Large, double, fragrant.	10 for \$3.50
LADY KATE — Double type; rather flat; late. Solid light pink. Tall; stems strong.	10 for \$5.50
LOVELINESS — Double type; large; very late. Pale flesh-pink. Medium tall; strong stems.	10 for \$3.00
LILLIAN GUMM — Very large, deep rose-pink flower; a real beauty. Blooms midseason. Fine for cut flowers.	10 for \$3.00
LA FEE — Large, compact flowers; mauve-rose with a crown of lighter creamy-pink petals. Blooms early in midseason.	10 for \$3.50
MME. EMILE GALLE — One of the very best in the late blooming pinks. Very beautiful flower in a delicate shell-pink shade.	10 for \$3.50
MME. JULES DESSERT — Double type; very large; late midseason. Long smooth petals of flesh-white, graduated symmetrically about a hollow, funnel-like center, with a few stamens in its depths, which reflect a yellow through its translucent texture. Tall; good foliage.	10 for \$5.50
MARIE CROUSSE — Double type; very large; midseason. Central petals broad, forming an immense globular bloom; pale-pink, shaded rose in the center, overspread with a glowing suffusion; moderately fragrant, medium height.	10 for \$4.00
MARY BRAND — Dark clear crimson with a brilliant sheen, rose type; large blossoms. Medium height. Outstanding variety.	10 for \$5.50
MAUD L. RICHARDSON — A delicate shell-pink bloom on heavy, stiff stems. Vigorous growth produces large quantities of blossoms.	10 for \$3.50
MONS. JULES ELIE — Double type, very large; early. Light rose-pink; center incurved and silvered with grayish-pink; fragrant.	10 for \$4.00
MRS. C. S. MINOT — One of the most beautiful of late blooming pinks. Blooms late; very fragrant; excellent as cut flower.	10 for \$5.50
MYRTLE GENTRY — Large, double flower. Rosy-white with salmon tints. Strong stems, excellent for cut flowers. Blooms late.	10 for \$7.50
PHILIPPE RIVOIRE — Double type; small; early. Very dark crimson with a blackish sheen. Fully double with a symmetrically incurved center, richly rose scented. Medium height; good foliage. This is the only red peony that we know of that is really fragrant.	10 for \$12.50

(More peony varieties on next page)

We guarantee these peonies to be true to name. Notify us any time within two years after purchase of any not true to name and we will replace them without charge.

PEONIES (Continued)

PHOEBE CARY —Pale, old-rose pink. Very late, double type; profuse bloomer. Fine Peony for color. No serious faults.	10 for \$4.00
Each 45¢	
PHYLLIS KELWAY —Semi-double type; very large; midseason. Rose-pink, paling to white in center, thin texture, hollow, cupped form at first showing many stamens, later developing a flat crown. Faintly fragrant; medium height, strong stems.	10 for \$4.00
Each 45¢	
RACHEL —Beautiful, large blossoms, in a rich red color. Blooms late in midseason. Very popular variety.	10 for \$3.50
Each 40¢	
REINE HORTENSE —Rose-pink with crisp, fluffy petals of translucent texture, silvered at tips. Double type; very large.	10 for \$3.50
Each 40¢	
SARAH BERNHARDT —The most popular peony grown. Double type; very large. Dark rose-pink. Mildly fragrant. Medium height.	10 for \$3.50
Each 40¢	
SASS LATE RED —Double type; large; late. A very clear red. One of the latest red peonies. Medium height. Good foliage.	10 for \$4.50
Each 50¢	
TOURANGELLE —Double type; large, compact, almost bomb-like flower in a pale apple-blossom pink. Medium height. Fragrant.	10 for \$3.50
Each 40¢	
W. F. CHRISTMAN —Double type; large; midseason. Large outer petals of blush-white shaded with pink; rose-like fragrance. Medium height, free flowering.	10 for \$3.00
Each 35¢	
MIXED PEONIES —Assorted colors, unnamed. All good cut flower varieties.	10 for \$2.50
Each 30¢	

LOBELIA (Cardinal Flower)

CARDINALIS—Often called "Indian Fire Stick". Plant is of dwarf growth habit but each summer sends up 18 to 24 inch stems from a rounded clump of foliage, each stem topped with an 8 to 10 inch spike of brightest Cardinal Red bloom. Very good for mass planting; fine for cutting; hardy and prolific. **100 for \$5.00**

LYCHNIS (Campion or Catchfly)

An artistic perennial which has been cultivated for centuries in some parts of the world. Noted for its brilliantly colored flower heads and extreme hardiness. Ideal for lively color in your border during late summer and early autumn.

CHALCEDONICA (MALTESE CROSS)—Vivid scarlet flowers in flat heads come over a long blooming period. Just the plant for bright spots of color in your garden. Grows 2½ feet high. Very hardy and easy to grow. **100 for \$3.50**

MATRICARIA (Feverfew)

This splendid plant is much used for low growing beds. Very compact in growth; with strongly scented ornamental foliage. Produces masses of blooms in late summer and early fall. Grows 10 to 15 inches high.

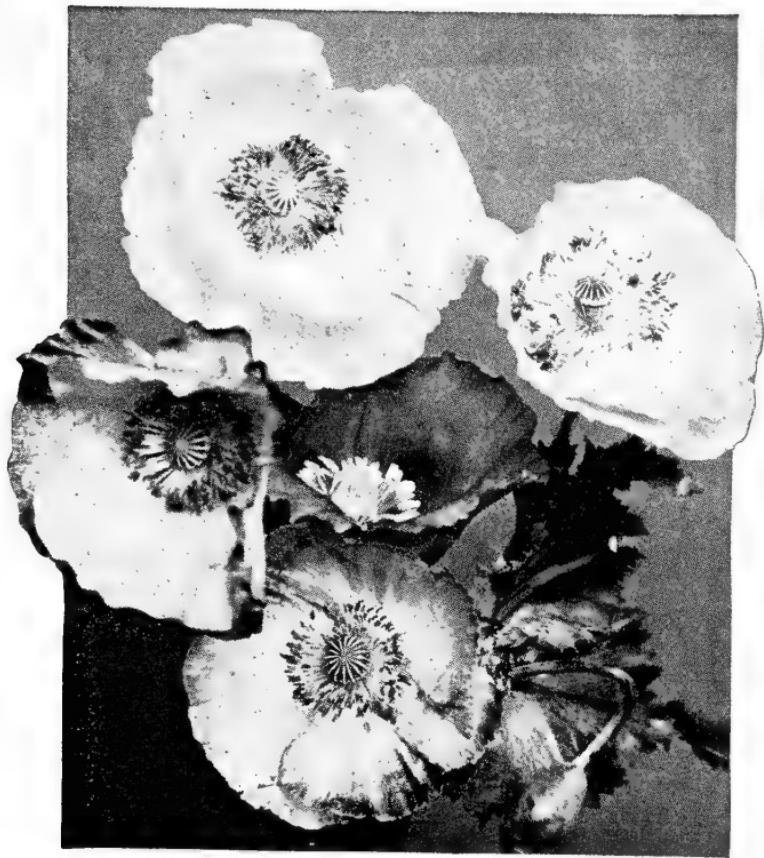
BALL'S DOUBLE WHITE—This is the only fully double-flowering, pure white strain. We guarantee 98% true to description and highly recommend this variety. **100 for \$3.50**

BALL'S DOUBLE GOLDEN—This new variety is similar in growth habit to the Double White described above, except it produces masses of rich golden colored blooms. **100 for \$3.50**

MYOSOTIS (Forget-me-not)

Most people are familiar with these dainty flowering Forget-me-nots which bring so much beauty and charm to the spring landscape. Delightful for the rockery, for walk edging or around the pool.

ALPESTRIS—Grows only 12 inches tall and universally loved for its tiny clear blue flowers in early spring. **100 for \$4.50**



PAPAVER (Nudicaule)

One of the best and most popular types of Poppies—commonly known as Iceland Poppies. Flowers in June and throughout the summer. Grows as tufted clumps from which graceful stems bear large, silky flowers of the most delicate appearance. Very colorful. We offer several outstanding varieties.

THE EMPEROR — Finest giant Poppy in a rich tangerine-orange color of new form, with over-lapping fluted petals giving effect of semi-doubleness. Grows 18-22 inches tall.

THE EMPRESS — Large, full flower; well formed, with overlapping petals, deeply fluted or wrinkled. Colors range from lovely shades of salmon-rose to creamy pink. Grow 1½ feet high.

KELMSCOTT STRAIN — The best strain, large flowers in beautiful colors. Their enormous blooms and rich, brilliant colors are very striking and pleasing in any garden. Approximately 3' high.

RED CARDINAL — Exceptionally large flowers in a brilliant cardinal red shade. Vivid coloring. Grows 12 to 18 inches tall.

Above Varieties 100 for \$4.00

PHYSALIS (Chinese Lanterns)

An attractive perennial noted for its large, showy, lantern-shaped fruits which turn a bright red when ripe. Especially desirable for drying for winter decoration. 100 for \$6.50

PLATYCODON (Balloon Flower)

EARLY GIANT BLUE — Large flowering and extra rich in color. One of the most showy and unique of garden flowers. Odd balloon-like buds open into bell shaped blooms. Very hardy and will grow under adverse conditions. Grows 2 feet high. 100 for \$4.00

If interested in 2 year plants we have a large quantity of a number of varieties. Please send for a special list of 2 year plants that will be available this fall.

RICHARDS FIELD GROWN

HARDY PHLOX

BEST OF AMERICA'S FAVORITE VARIETIES
COLORFUL NEW INTRODUCTIONS
WILL BLOOM NEXT SUMMER

No flower will lend more color and beauty to the perennial garden than a mass planting of Hardy Phlox. They thrive under average conditions; bloom freely over a long period of time and are equally satisfactory when used in beds or borders.

We are growers of Phlox and have an unusually fine assortment of field grown plants. These are one-year plants, the best size for transplanting. All are well rooted and have bloomed in our fields, so we know they are all true-to-name. Phlox will start blooming early in July and continue through August into September.

PRIME MINISTER—Clear pure white with brilliant red center. Perfectly formed flower heads, good color make this outstanding.

THOR—Deep salmon-pink with an unusual scarlet overtone. Nicely shaped trusses on strong stems.

100 of one variety, \$12.00

BLUE BOY—Beautiful near blue color with violet cast. A good, strong grower; of medium height. Blooms freely over a long period of time. Thrives under average conditions.

BORDER QUEEN—A somewhat low-growing variety which carries massive flower heads of deep watermelon pink. Individual florets are unusually large.

CHARLES CURTISS—Brilliant cherry-red. The color is outstanding and makes a very showy display in the garden.

COUNT ZEPPLIN—Very strong grower and free flowering. Pure white flowers with vivid, bright red eye. Very striking. A "must" in every Phlox collection.

CHIEFTAIN—Rich, intense crimson. Considered the finest of the new dark reds. Flower heads are extremely large; blooms profusely; long lasting.

ETHEL PRITCHARD—Soft lavender which blends well with other colors.

DAILY SKETCH—Extra large flowers of light pink with carmine eye. Vigorous grower.

FAIRY KING—Beautiful, soft lavender color. Prolific bloomer. Vigorous grower with excellent foliage. Easy to grow.

FLASH—Extra large flower heads of rich carmine-rose with orange-scarlet center; very effective combination. Vigorous; well rooted; free-flowering.

GEORGE STIPP—A truly outstanding Phlox of glowing salmon-coral. Very strong grower with excellent foliage; free-flowering. A fine variety that blooms throughout the summer.

HARVEST FIRE—A striking salmon-orange color; extremely large flower heads carried on tall, strong stems. Free-flowering.

IRENE—Lovely, clear red, cherry color. Very striking as border. Outstanding for its brilliancy; profuse blooms.

Prices On Above 12 Varieties: 100 for \$15.00

PLEASE NOTE

Phlox make their best growth during September, so in order to provide you with plants that are well rooted we will not ship any Phlox until after October 1st, unless otherwise ordered, then in such cases, we will not be liable for small grades.



LEO SCHLAGETER—One of the brightest and flashiest of all red Phlox. Sturdy grower; very free flowering.

LILLIAN—One of the most distinctive new Phlox ever introduced. Unusually large trusses of charming soft pink.

PINK CHARM—Beautiful, bright pink with a scarlet sheen. Lends color and beauty to any garden. Strong vigorous grower; free flowering; well rooted plants.

PROGRESS—Heavenly blue with a white center. Large flowering type providing a distinct contrast in color values. Profuse bloomer; robust grower adds to its popularity.

ROSEA SUPERBA—Magnificent flower heads of a glowing rosy-pink with red eyes. Sturdy grower. Very outstanding.

SALMON BEAUTY—Delightful shade of salmon-pink with large, white eyes. Individual florets are extra large, well formed.

SAN ANTONIO—Extra large heads of vivid flaming carmine, shaded plum. Outshines all others for brilliancy.

STARLIGHT—Lovely orchid with white eye. Individual flowers are large and well formed. Very prolific bloomer; Vigorous.

Prices On Above 8 Varieties: 100 for \$15.00

PYRETHRUM (Painted Daisies)

No other perennial flower seems to have the general usefulness, beauty, color, hardiness and easy culture that belongs to these gorgeous flowers. Foliage is fernlike and ornamental. Stems are strong and erect. Plants transplant easily and each one produces a liberal number of blooms during the season.

ROBINSON'S HYBRIDS MIXED—The finest strain of painted daisies in mixed colors; a really great new strain. We think so much of it that we have discontinued growing any of the others. Plants bloom during May and June and grow 2 to 2½ feet tall.

100 for \$5.00

ROBINSON'S CRIMSON—Same general description as above except that colors range from red to deepest crimson. 100 for \$5.00

RUDBECKIA (Cone Flower)

For tall backgrounds in the hardy perennial border these showy plants are indispensable. Free flowering; excellent for cutting.

PURPUREA — The best known Rudbeckia. Rosy reddish purple petals with high cone-shaped center of dark brown. Three to four foot stems are rugged and withstand high winds. Blooms freely from July until frost; plants grow 3 to 4 feet tall. **100 for \$4.00**

SAPONARIA (Soapwort)

OXYMOIDES SPLENDENS — Trailing vine-like plant which is a necessity in every rockery. From May until July plants are a mass of rosy pink small blossoms. **100 for \$5.00**

SCABIOSA (Pincushion Flower)

Strong and vigorous growing plants with an unusually free blooming habit. Handsome as border plants and especially fine as cut flowers.

CAUCASICA (Perfecta) — Do well in any ordinary garden soil. Stems 18 to 24 inches long topped by charming flowers in a soft lilac lavender shade. In bloom from June to September.

ISAAC HOUSE HYBRIDS — Lovely shades of blue, mauve, lavender and white flowers from June to September on long graceful stems.

100 for \$6.00

SHASTA DAISY (Moonpenny)

One of the most widely known and used of all the hardy perennials. Constant improvements and the introduction of new strains have made them one of the most beautiful and sure-to-grow plants that you can have in your garden. Always showy in mass plantings and equally desirable as cut flowers.

ALASKA — The best known variety. Improvements in the strain now results in longer, stronger stems and larger flowers. They are exceptionally free flowering, producing blooms of large size with large golden centers, all through the summer and fall. Grows about 2½ feet tall. Very vigorous. **100 for \$3.50**

DIENER'S DOUBLE FRINGED WHITE — Tall growing with strong stems and immense white blooms which are nearly all double with a very attractive fringed edge. **100 for \$4.50**

STATICE (Great Sea Lavender)

LATIFOLIA — Grows in fine lace-like form with a profusion of misty purplish-blue blossoms. May be cut and dried for winter bouquets. Unexcelled for filler in floral arrangements. Grows 18 inches high. **100 for \$4.50**

STOKESIA (Cornflower Aster)

Rich green ornamental foliage from which 12-inch stems arise, each topped by an exquisite, aster-like bloom with finely divided petals. Prefer a sheltered location.

CYANEA, BLUE — An excellent cutting variety. Flowers are clear azureblue in color and plants begin blooming in July.

100 for \$4.50

VALERIANA (Garden Heliotrope)

COCCINEA RUBRA — Bright red flower heads are borne in abundance on 12 inch stems all through the summer months. Rich green foliage is ornamental and adds to the beauty of the plant. Thrive in rich soil in full sun. **100 for \$5.00**



VIOLAS (Hardy Tufted Pansies)

One of the most popular edging and bedding flowers. In bloom nearly eight months of the year! Loved for their dwarf size, their colorfulness and their free-blooming habit.

ARKWRIGHT RUBY—Rich ruby-red color with satiny sheen. Very free flowering. Fragrant; excellent for cutting. **100 for \$4.00**

CHANTREYLAND—Beautiful blooms of purest apricot without any shading of orange. Masses of blooms all summer.

100 for \$4.00

BLACK IMP—Glossy black with bright yellow eye. Very showy.

100 for \$4.00

JERSEY GEM—Blooms from April until snow falls. Rich, shimmering violet-blue color. The most exquisite fragrance and extreme hardiness make this one of the finest Violas. **100 for \$4.50**

WALLER FRANKLIN MIXED—Mixture of gay blues and yellows. Especially desirable for bedding or colorful edgings. Plants produce a profusion of blooms. **100 for \$4.00**

VIOLET

ROYAL ROBE—A lustrous shade of violet-blue. Blossoms are very fragrant and open flat like a pansy. Blooms early winter and early spring. **100 for \$18.00**

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